



## City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday, June 7, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Regular Meeting of Warner Robins Mayor and City Council

Meeting conducted via teleconference\* and in person, due to the State of Emergency issued by Governor Brian Kemp on March 13, 2020 concerning the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(g) allows cities to conduct a meeting via teleconference, without a requirement of having a quorum present in person, when "necessitated by emergency conditions,".

**Presiding:** Mayor Randy Toms

**City Officials Present:**

Councilman Derek Mack  
Councilman Charlie Bibb  
Councilman Keith Lauritsen

Councilman Kevin Lashley  
Councilman Clifford Holmes  
Councilman Larry Curtis

**Opening Prayer:** Councilman Bibb

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Holmes

**Call to Order:** 5:03 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Bibb moved to adopt the agenda with an amendment to move item #6 to be voted on before item #1. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:**

- **Proclamation - Punch Front Glow Ed Team**
- **Louise McBride – Houston County Joint CLCP program**

**Closed Session:** Mayor Toms requested a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Councilman Holmes moved for an executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The Regular Council meeting was suspended at 5:19 pm, and the governing body convened into closed session at 5:21 pm; the closed session ended at 6:29 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:33 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the closed session minutes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Adoption of the Agenda:** After closed session Mayor Toms made a motion to amend the already approved agenda to include the addition of item #8 (motion for letter of engagement), item #9 (Ordinance - Chapter two amendment) and item #10 (Ordinance – City of Warner Robins Classification Plan).

Action Item 6	Resolution – Mask Requirement in Public Buildings
A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins move to amend the City-wide mask policy enacted on August 20, 2020, to make mask voluntary for fully vaccinated individuals.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of this Resolution.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Holmes
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 1	Presentation of Minutes from Regular Scheduled Meeting of May 17, 2021.
The minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2021 were presented for approval.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of May 21, 2021.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. Councilman Lauritsen abstained.

Action Item 2	Purchasing Coversheet
Purchasing Bid List items, attached hereto, were presented for approval.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley presented and moved for the approval of the Purchasing Coversheet. Items one through seven.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis



<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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<b>Action Item 3</b>	<b>Resolution – Employee Promotions</b>
<p>The following employees was recommended for promotion by the City Administrator on behalf of their respective departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quinterius Bronner, promoted from Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #475, Grade 8, Public Works Department, to Public Works Maintenance Worker II, Job Class #453, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective June 14, 2021.</li><li>• Ricky Simmons, promoted from Public Works Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #452, Grade 8, Public Works Department, to Public Works Maintenance Worker II, Job Class #453, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective June 14, 2021.</li><li>• Keith Watson, promoted from Equipment Operator, Job Class #461, Grade 10, Public Works Department, to Public Works Supervisor (ST), Job Class #470, Grade 17, Public Works Department, to be effective June 14, 2021.</li><li>• Brian Grace, promoted from Equipment Operator, Job Class #461, Grade 10, Public Works Department, to Heavy Equipment Operator, Job Class #459, Grade 12, Public Works Department, to be effective June 14, 2021.</li><li>• Lamont Adams, promoted from Public Works Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #452, Grade 8, Public Works Department, to Maintenance Worker II (Stormwater), Job Class #494, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective June 14, 2021.</li></ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of this Resolution.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Holmes
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 4</b>	<b>Motion – Sewer Connection (109) Summit Court</b>
<p>Mr. Rubinski at 109 Summit Court request sewer connection to property. City of Warner Robins Utility Department provided a letter of availability.</p>	



<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of this Resolution.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Mack
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 5</b>	<b>Rezoning Petition – state of Joe A. Wynn and Roba J Wynn (William B Wynn, Executor) requests the rezoning of property located at Wynn Place</b>
<p>Estate of Joe A. Wynn and Roba J Wynn (William B Wynn, Executor) requests the rezoning of property located at Wynn Place, having frontage on the North Side of Russell Parkway, adjacent to the South of the VECTR Center, totaling 40.4 acres (Tax parcels # [OW006A 20A000], [OW006A 20C000], &amp; [OW006A 020000]) from the zoning of R-2 [Single Family Residential][City], M-2[General Industrial District], and C-2[General Commercial District][City] to the zoning of R-4 [Multi-Family Residential District][City].</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of this rezoning petition.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval. Councilman Lauritsen and Holmes voted in opposition. Motion passes

<b>Action Item 7</b>	<b>Resolution – CVB Grant</b>
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorizes Mayor Randy Toms to execute the Georgia Department of Economic Development Explore Georgia Tourism Recovery Marketing Grant Agreement for funds issued July 15, 2021 – August 15, 2021 and all funds used by December 31, 2021. The City of Warner Robins will serve as the applicant/fiscal agent and will be responsible for administration of the total award of \$33,120.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 8</b>	<b>Motion – Letter of Engagement</b>
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Authorize Mayor Randy Toms to execute a letter of engagement with Brinson Askew Berry to pursue compulsory counter claims and to hire a subject matter expert not to exceed \$25,000 in case number 5-21-CV-00148-MTT

**Motion:** Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of this Motion

**Second:** Councilman Bibb

**Outcome:** Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

**Action Item 9****Ordinance #15-21 – Chapter Two Amendment (Community and Economic Development Department)**

Ordinance #15-21 that the Governing Authority of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING ADMINISTRATON,

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins to amend Chapter 2, Article IV of the city code as follows:

City code section 2-91 shall be deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in lieu thereof: The following departments and agencies of the city are hereby created:

- (1) Police Department
- (2) Fire Department
- (3) Community and Economic Development Department
- (4) Building and Transportation Department
- (5) Public Works Department
- (6) Stormwater Compliance Department
- (7) Utility Department
- (8) Parks and Recreation Department
- (9) Finance Department
- (10) Internal Services Department
- (11) Human Resources Department



(12) Office of the City Clerk

(13) Office of the City Administrator

If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of Ordinance #15-21 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. Councilman Mack voted in opposition. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading will take place on June 21, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting.

Action Item 10	Ordinance #16-21 –
<p>Ordinance #16-21 that the City Administrator makes the following recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for changes in the City of Warner Robins Classification Plan.</p> <p>-1- Abolish the position of Community Development Director, Job Class #860, Grade 25, authorized strength of one ( 1).</p> <p>-2- Abolish the position of RDNEconomic Development Director, Job Class #53, Grade 25, authorized strength of one ( 1).</p> <p>-3- Create the position of Community and Economic Development Director, Job Class 862, Grade 25, authorized strength of one (1 ).</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of Ordinance #16-21 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lashley
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Holmes voted for approval. Councilmen Mack and Curtis voted in opposition. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading will take place on June 21, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting.

**Citizen Comments:** Mark Jones, Kayla Dunbar, Rick Rubinski, Bill Carey, Michael Jones,

**Adjournment:** 7:25 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Monday, June 21, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Stella', written over a horizontal line.

Mandy Stella  
City Clerk